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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Inventors: Chernajovsky *et al.*
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 with Exhibit A and Exhibit B;
2. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Replacement Formal Drawings;
3. Seventeen (17) sheets of formal drawings: Figs. 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 5A-5B, 6, 7, 8A, 8B, 9A-9B, 10A-10B; and
4. One return postcard.

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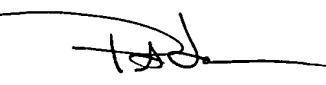
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Submitted herewith are seventeen sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 5A-5B, 6, 7, 8A, 8B, 9A-9B and 10A-10B, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

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